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APPLICATION: U.S. Serial No. 09/518,165 )

TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING )  
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET )  
BACTERIA OR A TARGET )  
COMPONENT )  
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN )  
THEREOF )

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I. CORRECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please correct the specification at p.2, second line from the bottom, after -gram-negative-. The misstatement, which is regretted, is an obvious error, inasmuch as the first sentence under the heading "Background of the Invention" on the same page notes that "gram-negative bacteria are known to have in common the possession of at least one lepo-polysaccharide or other lipo-poly-carbohydrate antigen" and the sentence sought to be corrected is speaking about the purification of "lipo-poly-carbohydrate antigen of bacteria of the Legionella species".

At page 9 correct "DRAWING" in the heading at mid-page to "DRAWINGS"

At page 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> line from the bottom of the page, after "Chandler", please insert -